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Cure for the most common and dangerous of all intestinal parasites. No pain, no danger. Write for sample and price list.

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REPUBLIC BUILDING.  
CITY ITEMS.

THE Girl who wears a Crawford Hat, skirt, waist and shoes, is the only one who is not getting her hair cut. You had better try it.

**STABBED BY NEGRO.**—Albert Herberg, of No. 221 Jefferson avenue was stabbed in the side by one of two negro women in the alley in the rear of No. 227 Chestnut street, when one of the negroes was taken in an ambulance to the City Hospital, where it was found that the wound was only slight. Herberg claims he was passing the mouth of the alley on Twenty-third street, between Pine and Chestnut streets, when one of the negroes grabbed his hat and started down the alley. He followed her, he said, to recover his hat, and she suddenly stopped and slashed at him with a knife.

**TO DISCUSS WORLD'S FAIR.**—The regular meeting of the St. Louis Merchants' Association will be held Tuesday, March 19, at Loeb's Hall, Broadway and Geyer avenue. The subject of the meeting will be the World's Fair will be the subject of discussion.

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White or Colored Kid Sandals and Oxford shoes for misses and children; also, women's sizes; worth 50c and 60c. 39c.

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Elegant up-to-date Black and Tan Shoes, including a lot of PATENT LEATHERS, just 50c a pair saved for you.

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FOR MEN AND WOMEN  
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SHIP ABOUT WHICH  
HANGS A MYSTERY.

**Hoodoo Seems to Have Left Trim Little Craft That Sails the Pacific.**

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
San Francisco, Cal., March 16.—A romance as strange as it is entertaining unfolded by the arrival at this port of the trim bark Melanoe, which has beaten all known records between this coast and the Antipodes by making the voyage to Sydney in forty-seven days.

It is said that the good ship has finally shipped the "hoodoo," which marines declare once followed her relentlessly. The craft originally came here from Panama laden with pig iron. It was said then that a fair young woman who had been known as the captain's wife had suddenly died while leaving Panama. Captain Craig, then in charge of the ship, died soon after, and his closest friends say that grief broke his heart.

It had long been the general belief that the woman had bought the boat and presented it to Craig. At all events, the two had been very devoted to each other. Things went wrong on the boat after that and eventually the troubled craft was sold for \$3,000.

Mariners were amazed that the boat should bring so good a figure, but later it again changed hands and at an advanced figure.

Leighton H. Robinson, then third officer of the liner Copacabana, was made captain of the Melanoe by her new owners.

**Birth-Mouth Bites (Solid Gold).**  
For March the Bloodstone, signifying "Courage," \$2.50 to \$15. Mermord & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

**SAYS SCHEDULE IS UNCHANGED**  
Transit Company Official Denies Report About Olive Street Division.

Since the introduction of electric cars on the Olive street line Friday, there has been considerable complaint among its patrons about the scarcity of cars and the irregularity of the service. It is claimed there are intervals of from three to eight minutes between cars, whereas only a two-minute interval was the rule before the change of motive power.

When sent Saturday the secretary of Mr. Grainger, general superintendent of the St. Louis Transit Company, denied that there had been any alteration in the schedule. He said: "The report is without foundation. There are no in operation over that line sixty-two cars, the same as formerly. We have retained all the gripmen on the cable cars as motormen on the electric cars, and it is not an easy matter for them to act as expert motormen in the handling of their cars. If there are any delays or other inconveniences to the public they are due entirely to the inexperience of the new motormen. The remedy will come when the men get used to their new jobs. A two-minute service is our schedule on the Olive street line, and it has not been, and will not be, changed."

In our watch repair department, we employ only expert watchmakers. Charges the lowest for guaranteed work. Mermord & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

**Y. M. H. A. ENTERTAINMENT.**  
Professor Loeb's Address and a Debate Will Be the Features.

A literary entertainment will be given by the Young Men's Hebrew Association at the clubrooms, No. 227 Locust street, on Wednesday evening, March 20. Professor Loeb of the State University at Columbia will speak on "Twentieth Century Politics."

The following will take part in the debate: For England, Louis Goddard; for France, B. Greenfielder; for Germany, Robert Friedman; for the United States, Lee Sale. At the conclusion of the debate a vote will be taken to decide which of the four speakers has given the best argument.

**BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES**  
Clear the voice. Relieve the throat. Cure coughs and colds. In boxes only. Avoid Imitations.

**NO TRACE FOUND OF HORACE WILLIAMS.**  
Searching Parties Fail to Locate the Alleged Murderer of His Wife.  
DARING ESCAPE FROM A MOB.

Dashed Through Depot Window and Got Away—May Be in Hiding Near Glasgow, Where He Has Friends.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Brunswick, Mo., March 16.—No trace has been found of Horace Williams, the young man who is accused of having murdered his wife, near Forest Green, and who, in this city, escaped from both mob and officers after his arrest.

Dozens of men are still searching for him, and opinion is divided as to whether he has got well out of the neighborhood, or is in hiding near Glasgow, where he has friends. Williams' escape from the mob, which came to Brunswick to get him, was sensational. No hero in a melodrama ever more desperately thwarted those who sought him.

After an autopsy had disclosed that his wife's skull had been fractured and her neck broken, Williams was arrested at Glasgow. He begged that he be taken back to Kentucky, where he had been in the hands of his dead wife's kinsmen.

Before Williams had been arrested, however, the facts disclosed by the autopsy had become known, and there were already angry mutterings all over the county. As soon as the news of his arrest became known, a mob started for Brunswick, to which place Williams had been brought by two deputies, who meant to take him to Kansas City.

The deputies and their prisoner got to Brunswick just six minutes before the mob arrived. A deputy met the mob and excitedly told them Williams was concealed at the coal chute some distance below.

Most of the mob started in that direction, but one man was suspicious. He looked into the waiting-room, saw Williams and a deputy and shouted:

"Here he is—man with the cap on." Williams turned his head at the sound, and quick as a flash Williams darted into the office through the ticket window and thence into the ladies' waiting-room.

With his overcoat he shattered a large pane of glass in the north window and leaped through.

When the mob arrived a negro porter of one of the hotels was also in the waiting-room, and terror-stricken at finding himself also "in the mob," he fled to the ladies' waiting-room.

Williams dodged and disappeared. The mob rounded the corner of the depot mistook the negro for Williams, followed him and fired several shots.

About half a block away the negro was met by several citizens, who, in face of the combined firing of officers and mob, scattered and with the negro sought safety in neighboring houses.

All trace of Williams was lost. Mounted possees with bloodhounds formed a cordon around the town and escape seemed impossible. But he has not yet been seen.

The fugitive was traced across the river. How he crossed no one knows, but his trail was again found on the north side and he was followed to the railroad track near De Witt, where every clue was lost.

The next night a stiff wind was raised from the Miami landing, and it is supposed he sailed that and dropped down the river.

As Williams is supposed to have considerable property, it is supposed he has money with him, but only \$50 or \$75 was discovered on his arrest.

**Woman's Third Husband.**  
Williams was the third husband of the woman who was supposedly killed by Mrs. Williams. Her name is Emma Swain, daughter of Jesse Swain, one of the wealthiest citizens of the county. She was reared near Keokuk, Iowa, and educated at the Synodical College at Fulton, Mo. When young she married Dr. Burrus, and after his death married Mr. Polley. After a short time he died, and she married Horace Williams, a son of a fine old family.

Her life was not happy. Williams was dissipated and quarrelsome. At the time Mrs. Williams' brother had him arrested and put in jail for shooting at her when in a rage. He secured his release and took him home. About two weeks ago he was accused of murdering a woman.

On March 5 Williams buried his wife, near Forest Green, for a neighboring doctor, saying his wife had become very ill. The doctor found the woman dead. She seemed heart-broken, and would allow no one but himself and his sister, who was visiting the house at the time, to touch the body. Nor would he leave the side of the coffin for a moment, not even to eat or sleep, until the burial.

Mrs. Williams was arrested by suspicious, determined to exhume the body and hold an autopsy. Her husband's body was found to be fractured and her neck broken.

**TIED OF READING.**  
If the eyes tire easily when reading or sewing, it is probable spectacles are needed. Dr. Bond, expert optician at Mermord & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, will examine your eyes free of charge and guarantee a correct adjustment. Steel frames, \$1 and upward; gold, \$5 and upward.

**CHORUS GIRL MAKES SCENE.**  
Angry Because Her Suit for Divorce Fails.

Idella Cummings, a member of the chorus in the Castle Square Opera Company, some exasperated at the courthouse Saturday after her husband, Mack Cummings, had been ordered to pay her \$100 a month for her maintenance.

Cummings stated in her petition for divorce that she and the defendant were married at Clayton January 6, 1898, and separated June 1, 1899. She charged that he called her names, neglected her and their child, drank and failed to provide for her, and that he deserted her. She asked for the custody of the child, Marcus, aged 4 years.

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WITH SALES OF CHILDREN'S SHOES.

Misses' Dongola Lace Shoes, coin toe, tip same, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, sp. heel, 11 1/2 to 2. \$1.25

Misses' Tan Shoes, spring heel, lace, coin toe, stock tip, medium sole, 11 1/2 to 2. \$1.35

Misses' Box Calf or Dongola, "Foot Trainer," 1/2 inch or spring heel, pat. or with stock tip, 11 1/2 to 2. \$1.50

Misses' Patent Leather Kid Top Lace Shoe, spring heel, coin toe, 11 1/2 to 2. \$1.65

8 1/2 to 11, 25c to 50c less per pair.

Youths' and Boys' Vici Bal., full toe, tip same, 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, \$1.50 and 11 to 2. \$1.25

Boys' and Youths' Satin Bal., quilted or plain soles, full round toe, tip same, \$1.50

11 to 2 & 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 \$2.00

Boys' and Youths' Black Vici Lace, medium toe, with patent leather tip, 11 to 2 and 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 \$2.00

Youths' Patent Leather Lace, on "Man's Last," extension soles, full round toe, 11 to 2. \$2.00

SEND NAMES FOR NEW SPRING CATALOGUE.  
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**COCAINE MAKES MANY INSANE.**

**Increase of Insanity Among Southern Negroes Traced to the Insidious Drug.**

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—The cocaine habit has now begun crowding the insane asylum of Georgia. Demented negroes have become such frequent objects upon the streets of Atlanta that Ordinary Wilkinson has requested the Police Department to deal with the prisoners themselves and in the Recorder's court instead of bringing them to him to be tried upon lunacy writs.

"I have never before heard of anything like it," declared Ordinary Wilkinson this morning.

"Cocaine is the cause of the present epidemic of insanity among the negroes. Witnesses who come here to testify declare they find ten and twelve boxes of the stuff in the insane occupied by the insane persons almost every morning. The number of insane is increasing among the negroes so rapidly that we are unable to handle the business in this office and a constant stream of officers is kept between Atlanta and Milledgeville carrying negroes to the insane asylum."

"I don't know who sells the cocaine to the negroes and therefore I do not know who I am talking about, but they should be made to stop. It appears to me that the Police Department by common consent might take some action. If it is necessary to have the legislature enact a law that should be done."

**Mr. Rudolph Nicholas.**  
For many years with the R. B. Gray China Co., is now with Mermord & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, where he will be glad to see his friends and all interested in fine China and Glass, Clocks, Bronzes and Marbles.

**EMERGENCY POLICE SALARIES.**  
Arrangements to Pay Off Men Who Did Strike Duty.

Arrangements have been made to pay off the emergency policemen who were appointed to the force last spring to assist in quelling the disturbances in the course of the street car strike.

At the time the discharge no provision was made to pay them on account of the fact there was no appropriation. All of the men were given receipts for the time they were on duty, but they were not to be paid until the money could be advanced.

In looking over the finances for the fiscal year, which ends March 31, the Board of Police Commissioners found it had not lived within its appropriation, but would have left over from the year's account sufficient funds to pay the emergency men. Accordingly, the vouchers were drawn up by the secretary of the board and duly signed by the City Treasurer. These vouchers will be presented to the men on Friday, when they will be paid. The total amount of the discharge is \$21,000.

When this bill is paid the Police Department will have settled nearly all of the expenses of the strike. The only street car strike. There are a few outstanding bills for wagon hire and food. It is expected that these will be paid within the next few weeks.

**Rent an Office in the**  
New Mermord & Jaccard Bldg., Broadway and Locust. Finest offices, best location, fireproof; \$17.50 and upward per month.

**WILL BE SENT TO CONVENT.**  
Would Rather Go There Than Remain at Home.

Carle Walentoski, 15 years old, is a prisoner in the detention room at the Four Courts, where she is held while her father makes arrangements to send her to the Convent of the Good Shepherd on Gravois avenue. Martin Walentoski, her father, lives in the Ashley building.

Carle is quite pretty and appears to be much older than her father says she is. She herself says she thinks she is about 17 years old. Six weeks ago she says she ran away from home because her father was unkind to her.

She procured a position at \$5 a week in the Brown Brothers' tobacco factory at Fourth and Spruce streets, and boarded with Mrs. John Bardol at No. 213 Plum street. Friday her father met her on the street and took her to the Four Courts. Carle says she would rather go to the House of the Good Shepherd than to live at home with her father. She has run away from home three times, but every time her mother has known where she was.

December 22, 1900, her father had her committed to the House of the Good Shepherd. Christmas afternoon her mother took her out. Carle returned home only to run away again.

**LIVING ON FODDER AND RATS.**  
Northeastern Hungary Stricken With Severe Famine.

**SPECIAL BY CABLE.**  
Buda-Pesth, March 16.—Many deaths have been caused by famine which prevails in the northwestern region of Hungary. Multitudes are living on cooked hay, pig fodder, dogs and rats.

The government is sending relief to the starving people.

**Spring Overcoats**  
In all the most stylish Fabrics and the newest shapes  
Top Coats, Oversacks, Medium Length, Long Raglans and Swagger Overcoats.  
Price, \$10.00 to finest satin lined, \$35.00

**A Pair of Trousers.**  
It seems like a luxury to be able to wear a fresh pair of trousers every day. It is a luxury, but not an expensive one. We have a hundred patterns in fancy worsteds from which you can select an extra pair or two now at small cost.  
**\$3.50 to \$8.00.**

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We have them, both long and short. Extremes rule in the most fashionable coats. For young men we show an extra long garment with broad shoulders, vertical pockets; then the short "Boxey." Both styles are loose and baggy, either correct. You should see them. \$15.00 to \$25.00  
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"THE LARGEST AND BEST EQUIPPED SHOE HOUSE IN THE WEST."  
Gentlemen's Waxed Shoes,  
In Tan and Black, all the leading styles.  
THE BEST VALUES IN THE WORLD FOR THE PRICE.  
**\$3**

**RAILROAD WILL LEND BULLS AND ROOSTERS.**  
Seaboard Air Line Has Added a New Department to Its Business.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
New York, March 16.—It was learned today that the Seaboard Air Line is about to launch into a new scheme, which is more or less philanthropic in its nature, for the benefit of the chicken and cattle raisers of the Southern States through which its roads run.

The plan, as outlined at present, is for the company to own bulls and roosters of the finest and most aristocratic breeds, which will be lent to farmers desiring them free of charge for the period of ninety days. Any farmer who wants a rooster or a bull can get one by merely sending an application to the company.

The Seaboard Air Line has already begun to buy roosters and bulls in large numbers and it is now sending to prospective beneficiaries a circular letter setting forth the details of the scheme and asking them to indicate the conditions under which they can be obtained.

The circulation of the company's bulls is in charge of J. Strang, chief industrial agent, Portsmouth, Va., and circulars telling of the breeds on hand and the conditions governing the loan of them are similar to those for the roosters.

In order to insure the widest possible circulation for these valuable loans and the greatest benefit to subscribers, the company has directed its local agents to talk up the scheme and interest the local farmers in kind and chicken culture.

**Weakness From Reading**  
Indicates that the eyes need attention. Dr. Bond, expert optician, at Mermord & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, will examine your eyes free of charge and guarantee a fit. Steel frames, \$1 and up; gold, \$5 and up.

**POLITICAL NOTES.**  
Many new names were added to the membership roll of the new Louisiana Club at its meeting Thursday evening in the hall of the Young Men's Institute, No. 348 Page avenue. Judge Thomas Morris entertained the meeting with an interesting address. The new association has found favor among

**GENERAL ERASMUS CAPTURED.**  
Lord Kitchener Reports That He Was Taken Saturday.

London, March 16.—Lord Kitchener telegraphed the War Office under Saturday's date.

"Park's column has brought in the notorious commandant, Erasmus, with his family."

**BEGINNING OF A LONG TOUR.**  
Duke of York Starts to Visit British Colonies.

**SPECIAL BY CABLE.**  
Portsmouth, England, March 16.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York departed today on the steamer Ophir for their tour of the British colonies. The King and Queen were present to say good-by.

**Passing of an Early Settler.**  
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Monett, Mo., March 16.—Robert C. Ford, one of the first settlers of Lawrence County, and residing eight miles north of Monett, is dead at the age of 82 years.

**THE SMOKERS PREFER**  
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BECAUSE THE JOBBERS' PROFIT IS ADDED TO THE QUALITY.  
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